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Armstrong Atlantic State University
Receives National Award

SAVANNAH: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that the Armstrong Atlantic State University Center for Justice Administration, headed by Wynn Sullivan, received one of only two national awards for Exemplary Local Training Program at the Project Safe Neighborhoods ("PSN") National Conference in Denver, Colorado, on May 3, 2006. Ms. Sullivan personally accepted the award from Bill Mercer, Principal Deputy Attorney General of the United States. Armstrong Atlantic State University is the training partner for the Southern District of Georgia's PSN Initiative (Project Ceasefire), a comprehensive and strategic approach to reducing gun violence in this district.

While there are 150 PSN Task Forces nationwide, only two districts received the award for Exemplary Local Training Program. The award recognizes the development and creation of a unique and effective training program that enhances a district's PSN efforts. Armstrong Atlantic State University Center for Justice Administration and its Director, Wynn Sullivan, were nominated for the award by United States Attorney Lisa Godbey Wood and Assistant United States Attorney Cameron Heaps Ippolito, the Southern District's PSN Coordinator. The nomination was based on the demonstrated performance of the Center through Ms. Sullivan's committed and dedicated service

and the successful results of the program. Armstrong has trained 1,037 officers over a total of 14,024 student contact hours in sessions conducted throughout the Southern District of Georgia. The training has included the areas of firearms identification, gun tracing, federal and state firearms statutes and seizure laws, characteristics of armed persons, crime scene and evidence management, strategic planning, presenting cases to federal prosecutors, and other firearms-related topics.

In recognizing the significance of the award, Wood said, "I am proud of our District, of our PSN Working Group, and of our association with Armstrong and the work of Wynn Sullivan."

Pictured (from left) are Wynn Sullivan, Director, AASU Center for Justice Administration, and Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia.

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